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1. A lock is located about one kilometer north of the Gliwice harbor in the southern part of the town of Labedy (50°20'N-19°37'E), Poland. Prior to World War II it was called the Klodnitz Canal; during the war the name was changed to the Hitler Canal.
2. The lock consists of a stone ramp over 100 meters long and four iron gates. A one-story concrete building 25 meters long and 10 meters wide is located on the ramp. It houses the offices of the lock. Each of the steel gates has two wings. The gates are operated by electric motors located in two concrete buildings, one on each side of the lock. The buildings are six meters high, three meters wide and six meters long. The lock can accommodate barges about 40 to 50 meters long.
3. The lock is guarded by industrial police and is surrounded by a barbed-wire fence about two meters high. There is a guard at each of the buildings from which the gates are operated. The enclosed area is off limits to all except authorized personnel.
4. There are two bridges to the north of the ramp of the lock. One is an old stone bridge which was destroyed in 1945 and has not been repaired. The other is a temporary bridge built of structural steel with a wooden floor. It is about 50 meters long and eight meters wide, but it has a footpath one meter wide on one side so that the effective width for motor-powered vehicles is actually only seven meters. The bridge connects Labedy with the road to Stare Gliwice.
5. A small river about 15 meters wide flows into the canal. A dam for regulating the height of the water is located just before the mouth of the river.
6. Barges loaded with wood and ore were observed coming from the direction of Kozle.

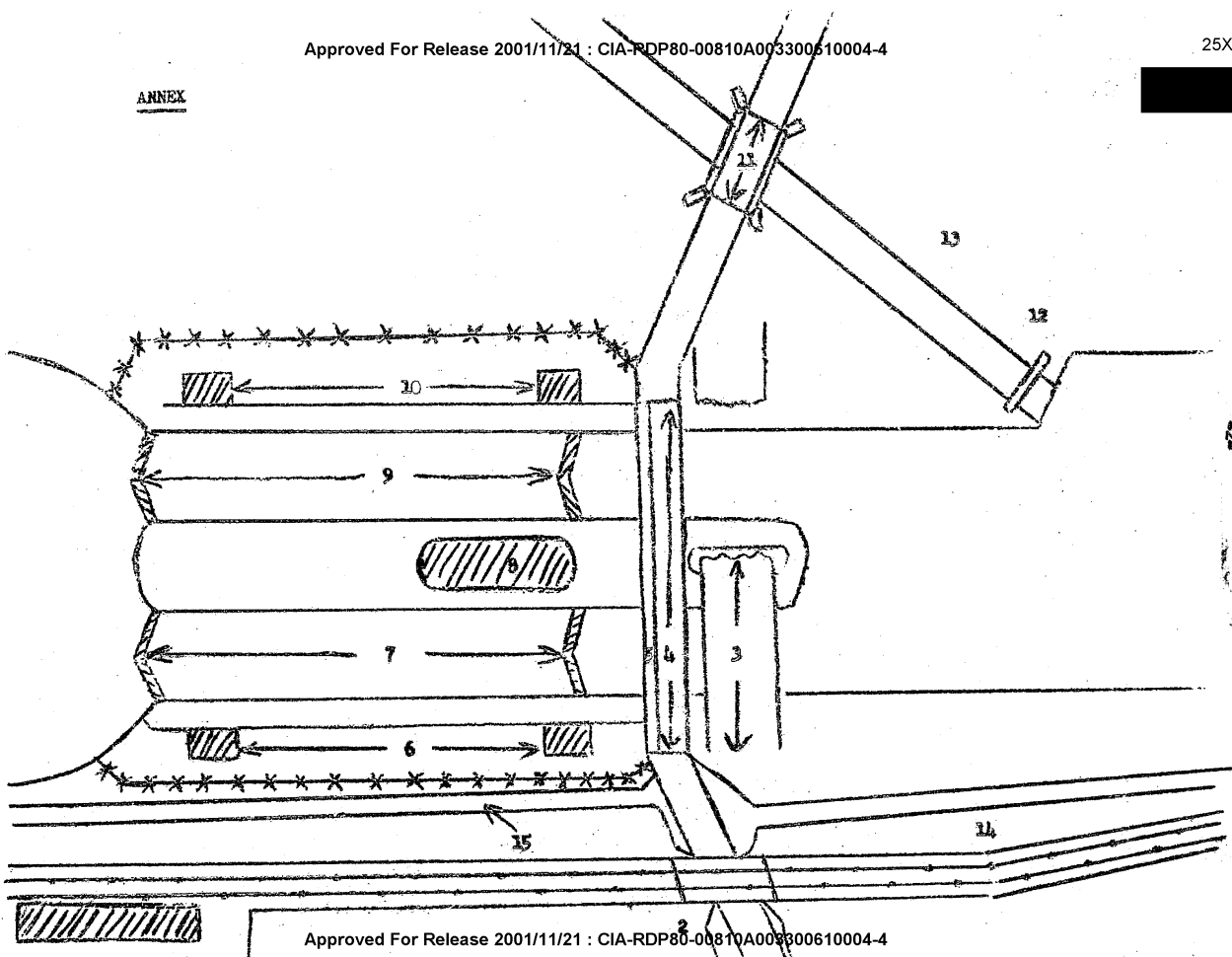
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1. Railway station Labedy¹
2. Railway bridge
3. Destroyed bridge
4. Temporary bridge, built in 1945
5. Footway
6. & 10. Buildings with motors to open sluice
7. & 9. Sluice
8. Office of Sluice
11. Bridge across the small river
12. Dam
13. Small river joining the channel
14. Foot path to Pyskowice
15. Foot path to harbor Gliwice

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